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In re Patent Application of:

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TO BE FIXED IN THE MEDULARY CANAL  
OF THE FEMUR

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Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This application is the National Stage of an international application claiming the priority of two prior European patent applications, Nos. 03001040.9 and 03016156.6, filed January 17, 2003, and July 16, 2003, respectively. The certified copies of these priority documents were, as indicated in the Notice of Acceptance of this application, received from the International Bureau. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner check the file and acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents. The issuance of a supplemental Notice of Allowability acknowledging receipt of the priority documents is respectfully requested.

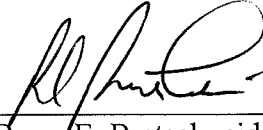
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